

REPORTS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR

1918

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

Year Ending January 1, 1919



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Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1.—To elect three Selectmen who shall be overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, one Moderator, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden all for one year. Also one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, one School Committee, all for three years. Also one Sinking Fund Commissioner for two years. Also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor in this Town?" Yes or No. All on one ballot.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a Committee to expend the same.

ART. 4.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

ART. 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

ART. 7.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other Committees and act thereon.

ART. 8.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 9.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners and act thereon.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of School Physicians.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build and repair sidewalks in Williamsburg and Haydenville.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Fire Insurance upon its public buildings.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the site of the old toolhouse.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect a repository for its road making machinery, tools, and other property or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money or authorize the Selectmen to use money already appropriated for the Cone bridge, to construct suitable approaches to this bridge and build and repair the guard rails leading from same.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will appropriate \$150.00 for the support of the Hampshire County Farm Bureau and elect a director of that organization who will be the official town representative for the county board of trustees as per Chapter 273 of the Acts of 1918, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for the entertainment of returning soldiers and sailors, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to procure plans for a permanent memorial of soldiers and sailors from this town serving in the War with Germany.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

The Selectmen's report for the year ending December 31, 1918, is as follows:

APPROPRIATION FOR 1918.

Farm Bureau,	\$100 00
Highways and Oiling Road,	1,600 00
Contingent National Bank and Corporation Tax,	500 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Mothers' Pension Act 763, 1913,	1,000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	100 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Schools,	10,600 00
Library,	250 00
Interest,	800 00
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00
To Insure Public Buildings,	180 00
Street Lights,	1,900 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Haydenville Sidewalk,	420 00
Cone Bridge,	13,000 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1910 the expense of the poor for the past year has been as follows:—

Total amount expended for Pauper Aid,	\$1,106 57
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Received from Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives,	67 15	
Due from State cases,	66 65	
Received from individuals,	68 00	
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Total,		\$1,401 80

MOTHERS' PENSION—ACT OF 1913.

Total amount expended,	\$1,460 89
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Due from State,	486 96	
Received from State,	374 34	
Due from City of Northampton,	104 00	
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Total,		\$1,965 30

ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received 1918,	\$290 00	
Balance from last report,	462 21	
	<hr/>	\$752 21
Paid 7 beneficiaries each,	\$5 00	
2 beneficiaries each,	5 50	
26 beneficiaries, each	10 00	
1 beneficiary,	20 00	
1 beneficiary,	22 35	
Total Expended,	<hr/>	\$348 35
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Balance,		\$403 86

SIDEWALKS HAYDENVILLE.

South Main Street:

Paid E. E. Davis, Engineer	\$10 24	
Peter Aloisi,	613 04	
	<hr/>	\$623 28
Appropriation,	\$420 00	
Received from abutters,	118 75	
Total,	<hr/>	\$538 75

The appropriation asked for did not include walk in front of Masonic Hall. When this point was reached, there was a difference in grade of 4 inches. It seemed to your board that instead of raising the old stone slabs up to same grade that it would be better to replace the slabs with cement thereby completing the work in a uniform manner. This increased the cost about \$90.00.

SPECIAL.

Paid W. M. Purrington, Insurance on		
Grange Hall,	\$11 00	
4 Policies on the James School,	234 00	
	<hr/>	\$245 00
Appropriation, \$180.00.		

FARM BUREAU.

Paid out,	\$100 00
Appropriation, \$100.00.	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid for George Cheney,	\$122 50
Appropriation,	100 00
Received under Soldiers' exemption act,	\$20 98
Total,	\$120 98

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,	\$1,755	00
Lamps,	47	55
	<hr/>	\$1,802 55
Appropriation, \$1,900.00.		

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,		
for electric current and meter		
charge for Williamsburg and		
Haydenville Engine Houses,	\$18	00
Haydenville Fire Dept., Services,	40	00
Williamsburg Fire Dept., Services,	40	00
R. F. Burke, for hose,	2	25
W. J. Sheehan & Co., soda,		32
T. P. Larkin, broom,		85
T. P. Larkin, sundries,	1	21
	<hr/>	\$102 63
Appropriation, \$200.00.		

HIGHWAYS.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

H. H. Nichols,	G. H. Thresher,
F. A. Shumway,	Allen B. Adams,
F. E. Sanderson,	Harry Warner.
H. W. Graves,	
Paid Adams, A. B., labor,	\$20 99
Ames, R. D., labor,	51 75
Aloisi, Peter, labor,	5 00
Atherton, Adelbert, for gravel,	1 20
Black, John, labor,	7 42
Brown, John, labor,	18 25
Barret & Co., road material,	51 82

Paid Bartofsky, Aleck, labor,	\$106 89
Burdo, Phillip, labor,	3 38
Barbau Sterdefent Co., grate,	8 25
Bradford, Homer, labor,	6 75
Brazil, Dennis, labor,	53 96
Clary, D. E., labor,	54 95
Clary, Wendel, labor,	5 60
Clary, Ed, labor,	14 95
Cross, Warren, labor,	2 29
Cone, A. G., putting up railway sign, labor and auto,	36 74
Clark, S. A., labor,	3 79
Chazec, Geo., labor,	8 25
Chadwick, William, supplies,	20 13
Dadman, C. V., labor,	2 53
Danscereau, George, plank,	75
Damon, C. S., road oiling,	9 72
Dolan, Tom, labor,	19 19
Daley, Rev. Jos., gravel,	4 00
Emrick, Ami, labor and gravel,	35 63
Everett, Almon E., labor,	10 00
Foster & Farrar, 2 square tampers,	2 70
Guilford, Ernest, labor,	98
Goodwin, R., labor,	6 45
Grace, Patrick, labor,	5 55
Graves, H. W., labor,	78 60
Harris, W. H., labor,	2 25
Harris, Geo., labor,	13 22
Hemenway, E. P., labor and gravel,	57 25
Huteau, Edward, labor,	11 00
Hinds, Mrs. gravel,	7 60
Kenney, John, labor,	10 51
Knox, E. J., labor,	18 76
Kowlozki, Stephen, labor,	50
Larkin, T. P., ice-pick,	75

Paid Loomis, Byron, labor,	\$72 67
Lane, John S. & Son, trap rock,	36 35
Loomer, Frank, labor,	103 06
Loud, James, labor,	13 54
Loomis, Mrs. Fannie, labor,	3 00
Miller, A. P., labor,	6 18
Marble, J., labor,	20 93
Merritt, C. K., labor,	11 50
Meekins, Thomas, gravel,	2 00
Merritt, C. W., labor,	7 28
Murphy, P. J., labor,	20 25
N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry Co., express,	70
Nichols, Alfred, labor,	1 12
Nichols, H. H., labor,	288 00
Northampton Street Dept., tar kettle,	40 00
Nitche, Hans, labor,	4 13
O'Brien, William, labor,	60 14
O'Neil, John, labor,	8 00
Otis, C. P., labor,	98
Phillips, E. C., gravel,	2 70
Shumway, L. M., labor and gravel,	41 75
Shumway, F. A., labor and gravel,	133 25
Sanderson, F. E., labor,	252 09
Shumway, A. A., labor,	4 75
Shumway, Ward, labor,	4 63
Sheehan, W. J. & Co., sundries,	67
Stevens, Lewis, labor,	45 16
Stemskoski, Lottie, oil and labor,	9 05
Sullivan, J. A. & Co., pushbrooms,	3 00
Thayer, F. W., tools,	10 90
Thresher, G. A., labor,	209 48
Trask, Jesse, labor,	11 34
Welch, James, labor,	2 25
Walpole, Mark, labor,	10 48
Warner, Harry, labor,	48 50

Paid Wade, Henry, labor,	\$2 24	
Wade, John, labor,	49 15	
Warner, Fred, labor,	11 00	
Warner, Geo. H., labor,	5 25	
Williamsburg Water Dept., plank, 358	90	
	<hr/>	\$2,696 67

AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY.

Appropriation,	\$1,600 00	
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	328 86	
Street Railway Excise Tax,	588 04	
Total,	<hr/>	\$2,516 90

ROAD MILEAGE BILL.

Chap. 155, of Acts of 1918 for the Repair and Maintenance of Town Roads.

Received from the Mass. Highway Commission,	\$409 02	
Repairs on the Chesterfield Road,		409 02

OILING OF ROADS.

Expended for oil,	\$580 00	
Received from the State Highway Com.,		\$580 00

CONE BRIDGE.

Paid Alois, Peter, cement and labor,	\$3,243 79	
Ames, Albert, labor,	5 63	
Art Stone Co., rail,	442 55	
Aloisi, B., labor,	170 61	
Aloisi, C., labor,	27 94	
Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	680 04	
Brown, Myron, labor,	22 18	
O'Brien, William, labor,	24 00	
O'Brien, Frank, labor,	36 62	

Paid Cone, A. G., cement,	\$428 52
Danscureau, Geo., labor,	6 50
Daley, Rev. Jos., gravel,	6 00
Northampton Electric Light Co., transformers and wiring,	48 40
Emrick, Ami, labor,	48 00
Foss, W. J. & Co., 2 saws,	16 70
Fountain, Joe, labor,	9 00
Fountain, Alcide, labor,	6 00
Foster-Farrar Co., steel,	93 02
Graves Bros., labor,	34 15
Graham, John, trucking,	49 00
Loomis, Byron, labor,	45 50
Lupien, Napoleon, labor,	10 50
Lemadelin, Stenes, labor,	21 62
Lane, John S. & Sons, trap rock,	108 29
Loomis, Cecil, express,	50
Marshall, W. J. & Co., steel,	7,615 18
Miller, E. C., labor,	9 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	229 11
Nichols, H. H., labor,	179 81
Ozzelick, Alex, labor,	2 25
Prentis, G. W. & Co., wire,	1 20
Pellesere, Geo., Engineer,	840 00
Quinn, John, labor,	12 20
Warner, Fred, labor,	160 50
Williamsburg Water Dept., lumber,	224 79
Wheeler, Chas., medical attend- ance on Geo. Bisbee,	3 00
Walpole, Mark, labor,	30 35
Wells, Jesse and man labor,	660 60
Warner & Dolan, express,	2 25
Walpole, Leonard, labor,	20 23
Thayer, Fred, supplies,	13 03
Taylor, Max, trucking,	40 00

Paid Sheehan, W. J. & Co., supplies,	\$30 87	
Sanderson, Leon, labor,	3 75	
Stempkoski, Chester, labor,	3 01	
Stempkoski, Joe, labor,	3 01	
Williamsburg Mfg. Co.,	5 68	
	<hr/>	\$15,674 86

Appropriations :

On hand from 1916,	\$986 00	
Appropriation, 1917,	1,000 00	
Appropriation, 1918,	13,000 00	
Received from Northampton St.		
R. R. Co.,	3,922 98	
	<hr/>	\$18,891 91

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid Aloisi, Peter, extra work on walks and driveway to engine house,	\$77 60
Brown, John, removing tree,	85
Bradford Lumber Co., wood for Town Hall,	5 40
Bradford, H. E., Water Com- missioner,	50 00
Brewster, Chas., auto to fires,	14 00
Brownell, A. D., Assessors, blanks and supplies,	12 35
Bisbee, Wells, Registrar,	20 00
Burke, Stephen, Registrar,	10 00
Bridgman & Lyman, index,	1 08
Burke, R. F., supplies for Town Hall,	73 79
Bradford, G. M., Auditor,	5 00
Brooks, F. A., Moderator for 1917-18,	20 00
Breckenridge, Thos., Ballot Clerk,	3 50

Paid Breckenridge, Thos., coal for

Town Hall,	\$8 60
Bagnell, Cecil, blanks and supplies,	11 40
Breckenridge, John, Inspector of	
Animals,	49 50
Chase, Chas., transfers and	
copying of deeds,	6 20
Carter Ink Co., ink,	1 25
Cone, A. G., stationery and postage,	4 38
Cone, A. G., 2 trips to Boston,	39 00
Cone, A. G., expense with	
influenza,	28 18
Cone, A. G., Selectman,	125 00
Church, Mrs. Chas., food,	1 05
Dobbs, B. L. Constable and extra	
work at Town Hall,	112 70
Dolan, George, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
Damon, C. R., Assessor,	50 00
Damon, C. S., Assessor and ex-	
pense acct.,	51 65
Dunn, James, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
Northampton Electric Light Co.,	
lamps,	6 50
Field, H. P., advice,	5 00
Gramis & Co., clips,	3 50
Gazette Printing Co., annual re-	
ports and notices,	86 85
Gurley, W. L., seals and labels,	5 24
Hill, H. W., Clerk and Treasurer,	185 00
Hill, H. W., Registrar of voters,	15 00
Hill, H. W., Ballot Clerk,	10 50
Hobbs and Warren, books,	6 96
Hill, H. W., vital statistics,	46 00
Jensen, Bertha, special nurse,	11 50
Lavelle, Frank, special officer,	5 00
Larkin, T. P., Auditor,	10 00

Paid Loomis, W. G., Auditor,	\$5 00
Larkin, Ed, Ballot Clerk,	10 50
Hill, O. W., Ballot Clerk,	3 50
Miller, E. C. Ballot Clerk,	7 00
Marthers, J., Ballot Clerk,	10 50
Malloy, L., 3 trips to Boston,	58 83
Malloy, L., Deputy Tax Collector,	6 00
Malloy, L., Ballot Clerk,	10 50
Northampton Herald, Notices,	8 00
Nash, Warner, Special Officer,	23 50
Nichols, H. H., Selectman,	100 00
O'Brien, Murt, Special Officer,	5 00
Purrington, W. M., Assessor,	60 00
Purrington, W. M., bonds,	38 00
Purrington, Phil, blanks for honor roll,	2 05
Polmatier, Arthur, 3 trips to Boston,	58 83
Riley, Michael, Registrar,	10 00
Sanderson, L., Ballot Clerk,	7 00
Sullivan, D. A., second-hand lumber,	6 00
New England Telephone Co., Town Hall,	8 50
Tolman, Edward, one ballot box,	50 00
Trainor, John, Constable and enforcing dog laws and posting warrants,	121 50
Trainor, John, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
Taylor, Frank, Selectman,	100 00
New England Telephone Co., W. Nash,	3 00
New England Telephone Co., J. Trainor,	12 11
New England Telephone Co., A. G. Cone,	46 90
New England Telephone Co., B. L. Dobbs,	4 91

Paid Taylor, Max, storing tools,	\$40 00	
Vining, Fred, Inspector of meat,	108 50	
Williamsburg Hose Co., fires,	67 45	
Warner, Harry, Ballot Clerk,	3 50	
White, Febron, Ballot Clerk,	10 50	
Warner & Dolan, express,	8 10	
Welch, John, for 14 men and auto, Apr. 26,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,216 71

AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Corporation Tax,	641 99	
Bank Tax,	560 52	
Smith School Refund,	285 58	
Reimbursement for Tax Losses,	9 72	
Sundry licenses,	64 00	
Inspection of animals,	24 75	
Received from rent of Town Hall,	33 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,120 06

REPORT OF FARM BUREAU WORK DONE IN WILLIAMSBURG IN 1918.

This report does not include the indirect assistance that was given the town through general county work.

Considerable time has been spent with the Northampton Milk Producers' Association in which many of the Williamsburg farmers are interested. Assistance has also been given the Williamsburg Fruit Growers' Association in packing and marketing of their apples. A state reaper and binder was made available for those farmers growing small grains.

Boys' and Girls' Club work carried on in Williamsburg

by the Farm Bureau, coöperating with local agencies, consisted in the organization and supervision of:

Club	Enrolment
Poultry,	5
Home Economics,	25
Pig,	3
Canning,	7
Corn and Potato,	3
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Total,	43

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. CONE,

F. L. TAYLOR,

H. H. NICHOLS,

Selectmen of Williamsburg.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELCOME COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Selectmen.

A. J. Polmatier, Chairman.	Rev. J. G. Daley, Sec.
Rev. John Pierpont.	Rev. Robert Life.
W. M. Purrington.	Geo. H. Warner.
Warner Nash.	Henry Dansereau.
Francis A. Sanderson.	Benjamin Kmit.
H. H. Nichols.	Thomas Demetrious.

Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

1918.

Feb. 16. Cash in Bank, \$883 25

1919.

Jan. 1. Interest on deposit, \$24 94

Interest on bonds, 680 00

Rec'd. from Town Treas., 1,000 00

————— \$2,588 19

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Bought of Haydenville Savings Bank

two Williamsburg bonds, \$2,000 00

Accrued Interest, 9 39

Balance in bank, 578 80

————— \$2,588 19

TOTAL ASSETS.

1919.

Feb. 12. Bonds of Williamsburg, \$19,000 00

Cash in Savings Bank, 578 80

————— \$19,578 80

H. W. GRAVES,

W. A. METCALF,

Commissioners.

Assessors' Report

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,187,361 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate, \$920,790 00	
Value of Assessed Personal Estate,	266,571 00
	<hr/> \$1,187,361 00
Value of Assessed Buildings,	616,615 00
Value of Assessed Land,	304,175 00
	<hr/> \$920,790 00
Number of polls assessed,	512
No. of residents assessed on property,	331
All others (corporations, etc.),	50
No. of Non-residents assessed on property,	81
All others,	19
No. of persons assessed on property,	481
No. of persons assessed for poll tax only,	255
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$22 00
No. of horses assessed,	208
No. of cows assessed,	401
No. of neat cattle assessed,	212
No. of sheep assessed,	53
No. of swine assessed,	87
No. of fowls assessed,	1,906
No. of dwelling houses assessed,	415

State tax,	\$3,300 00	
State Highway tax,	268 00	
County tax,	3,892 75	
Town grant,	19,090 63	
Overlayings,	626 41	
	<hr/>	\$27,177 79
Northampton Street Railway Excise Tax,		\$588 04
Bank and Corporation Tax,		1,202 51
Income Tax,		2,259 37

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Literary Institutions,	\$67,500 00	
Church Property,	53,900 00	
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$122,900 00

Estimated value of Public Build- ings, Water Works, Fire Ap- paratus, and Sinking Fund,		\$139,000 00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,

CHARLES R. DAMON,

WILBUR M. PURRINGTON,

Assessors of Williamsburg.

Report of Public Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Haydenville Village Library beg to report that their library and reading room work has been quite a bit interfered with this past year through the prevailing influenza.

An effort has been made to keep well within our appropriation which we have succeeded in doing.

GEO. M. PAGE,

T. H. IVES,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Trustees Haydenville Village Library.

The financial report is as follows:

Paid Bridgman & Lyman, books,	\$19 64
R. H. Hunting Co., books,	45 61
J. W. Heffernan, books,	8 10
Fred W. Warner, labor and stock,	2 00
A. Huesser, book,	1 85
Mrs. H. C. Chapin, magazines,	26 00
Fay Page, services, Librarian,	18 00
Thos. H. Ives, services, Librarian,	20 00
Thos. H. Ives, box,	1 45
J. A. Sullivan & Co., lamp,	5 50
Mary A. Brown, wood,	5 00
Elvira Schuler, Assistant Librarian,	4 25

\$157 40

Appropriation, \$250.00.

Water Commissioners' Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand last report,	\$214 78	
Received for water rents,	2,552 75	
service connections,	33 00	
from town for hydrants,		
and water tanks,	500 00	
from Bradford Lumber Co.,		
chestnut lumber,	80 27	
from Town of Williams-		
burg, chestnut lumber,	583 69	
for grass,	5 00	
for interest on deposits,	16 94	
	<hr/>	\$3,986 43

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Northampton Water Dept.,	
lead pipe,	\$5 60
The Haydenville Co., supplies,	4 48
Norwood Engineering Co.,	11 85
Bingham & Taylor, supplies,	18 19
W. H. Riley & Co., supplies,	3 12
F. W. Thayer, supplies,	5 15
George A. Thresher, labor and	
supplies,	377 98
P. J. Murphy, plumbing,	47 52

Paid J. W. Hill, storage,	\$12 00
Edward L. Shaw, legal advice,	2 00
Hill Bros. & Co., lead junk,	4 00
James A. Wattie, printing,	9 71
Williamsburg Grocery Co., supplies,	1 50
Bradford Lumber Co., sawing,	59 98
Gazette Printing Co.,	4 00
James Santas, damages,	55 00
George A. Thresher, care of reservoirs,	42 00
Stamps and stationery,	10 50
R. D. Ames, labor with team,	18 00
B. L. Dobbs, plumbing,	14 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., rent of crossing for water pipe,	1 00
H. E. Bradford, labor and supplies,	66 90
E. Cyrus Miller, labor with team,	7 05
Edward Cowan, labor,	2 00
Peter Paul, labor,	3 00
Victor Bickford, labor,	8 50
Lewis Stephens, labor,	6 50
William O'Brien, labor,	2 75
Richard Welch, labor,	7 25
James Welch, labor,	10 25
John Molloy, labor,	11 50
James Santas, labor,	11 00
Henry W. Hill, Treasurer,	3,000 00
Balance cash on hand,	142 15
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GEORGE A. THRESHER,

H. E. BRADFORD,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Water Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$8,845 67
Received on Tax Levy of 1914,	208 10
Tax Levy of 1915,	134 45
Tax Levy of 1916,	1,219 04
Tax Levy of 1917,	4,058 23
Tax Levy of 1918,	20,879 43
Income Collins School Fund,	885 89
Income Whiting Street Fund,	290 00
Temporary Loans,	25,000 00
Cone Bridge Loan,	13,000 00
Refund of Dog Tax,	136 57
Tuition of State Wards,	156 75
Tuition of Town of Chesterfield,	125 00
Tuition of Town of Worthington,	75 00
Tuition of Town of Hawley,	25 00
Tuition of Town of Goshen,	17 50
From State for High School,	500 00
From Supt. of Schools Fund,	350 00
Teachers' Fund,	275 00
Industrial School Refund,	285 58
State Corporation Tax,	641 99
National Bank Tax,	560 52
Reimbursement for State Aid,	394 00
Reimbursement for Tax Losses,	9 72

Compensation Inspection of	
Animals,	\$24 75
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	328 86
Street Railway Excise Tax,	588 04
District Court Fines,	36 00
Individuals on Pauper Account,	68 00
Rent of Grange Hall,	35 00
Rent of school land,	5 00
Rent of Town Hall,	33 50
From Water Dept.,	3,000 00
Interest on Deposits,	222 98
Interest on Taxes,	387 97
Mass. Highway Commission,	409 02
Sundry Licenses,	64 00
State Income Tax,	2,361 60
Soldiers' Exemption Act,	
Chap. 229, 1916,	20 98
Reimbursement Mothers' Pen-	
sion Act,	374 34
Trustees of Hospitals for	
Consumptives,	67 15
Northampton Street Railway on	
Cone Bridge,	3,922 98
City of Northampton, Pauper	
Account,	60 00
On Sidewalk Tax from Abutters,	445 00
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	\$90,528 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State Tax,	\$3,300 00
County Tax,	3,892 75
Temporay Loans,	25,000 00
School Site Loan,	700 00
Concrete Bridge Loan,	250 00
Davenport Farm Loan,	500 00

On orders of School Committee,	14,799	54
On order Selectmen Highways and Bridges,	2,696	67
Contingent Account,	2,216	71
Street Lights,	1,802	55
Pauper Account,	1,106	57
Fire Department,	102	63
Haydenville Library,	157	40
Whiting Street Fund,	348	35
Sidewalks, Haydenville,	623	28
Hampshire County Farm Bureau,	100	00
Soldiers' Relief,	122	50
Insurance,	245	00
Hydrants and water tanks,	500	00
Under Mothers' Pension Act,	1,460	89
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,000	00
Interest on Loans,	1,196	19
Sinking Fund,	1,000	00
Memorial Day,	50	00
State Aid,	344	00
District Court Fees,	59	66
Repairs on State Highway,	268	00
Special Highway work,	409	02
Cone Bridge,	15,674	86
Certification of Town Notes,	36	00
Sundry Abatements, 1915 Tax,	186	72
Sundry Abatements, 1914 Tax,	68	09
Balance,	9,311	23
	<hr/>	\$90,528 61

INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares of Northampton National Bank Stock,	\$240	00
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire Co. National Bank Stock,	100	00

Dividend on 20 shares Mechanic National Bank Stock,	\$120 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank of Greenfield,	210 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank of Northampton,	147 00	
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	68 89	
	<hr/>	\$885 89

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$1,096 03	
Trustees Meekins Library,	87 50	
First Nat. Bank of Northampton,	12 66	
	<hr/>	\$1,196 19

AVAILABLE FOR INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$800 00	
Interest on Deposits,	222 98	
Interest on Taxes,	387 97	
	<hr/>	\$1,410 95

STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund,	19,578 80	
Balance,	<hr/>	\$30,421 20

TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$9,311 23	
Due on Taxes, 1916,	219 66	
Due on Taxes, 1917,	1,596 83	
Due on Taxes, 1918,	6,311 36	
Due on State Aid Account,	344 00	
Due on Industrial School Account,	151 39	

Due under Mothers' Pension Act,	\$433 96	
Sinking Fund,	19,578 80	
Balance,	44,352 77	
	<hr/>	\$82,300 00

LIABILITIES.

Due Geo. Dansereau, 3 years salary as Tax Collector,	\$500 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank, Tax Loan,	13,000 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank School Site Loan,	2,800 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank, Davenport Farm Loan,	1,500 00	
Due First National Bank of North- ampton, Cone Bridge Loan,	13,000 00	
Due Meekins Library Trustees, Con- crete Bridge Loan,	1,500 00	
Water Bonds outstanding,	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$82,300 00

ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE LOANS ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,	\$13,000 00	
Borrowed of Haydenville Savings Bank,	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$38,000 00
Paid Haydenville Savings Bank, bal- ance 1917 Loan,	\$13,000 00	
Paid Haydenville Savings Bank on 1918 Loan,	12,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$25,000 00
Balance outstanding,		\$13,000 00
Concrete Bridge Loan outstanding,	1,500 00	
School Site Loan outstanding,	2,800 00	
Davenport Farm Loan outstanding,	1,500 00	
Cone Bridge Loan, outstanding,	13,000 00	

STATE AID, 1918.

Paid January,	\$26 00	
February,	26 00	
March,	26 00	
April,	26 00	
May,	26 00	
June,	26 00	
July,	26 00	
August,	26 00	
September,	26 00	
October,	26 00	
November,	42 00	
December,	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$344 00

Paid Ellen Ames,	48 00	
Warren A. Flagg,	48 00	
Henry H. Hitchcock,	48 00	
Henry S. Leonard,	48 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
Anna W. Jordan,	72 00	
Nellie J. Weeks,	32 00	
	<hr/>	\$344 00

STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSES.

93 males at \$2.00 each, .	\$186 00	
6 females at \$5.00 each,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$216 00
Less fees,		19 80
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Paid County Treasurer,		\$196 20

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

I. F. Baker Fund,	\$300 00
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1919,	62 98
L. C. Graves Fund,	200 00
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1919,	41 99
W. F. Warren Fund,	100 00
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1919,	20 99
H. W. Warner Fund,	100 00
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1919,	20 99

These funds are deposited in the Haydenville Savings Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

Williamsburg, Mass., Feb. 19, 1919.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners and School Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN,

WILLIAM G. LOOMIS,

Auditors.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1918.

January	5. Valentine Kulac. 17. Wladislaw Lesczinski. 29. Wladislaw Drousk. 31. Sophia Jesky.
February	3. Wallace John Gilbert. 10. Victor Golash. 20. Czeslaw Rosemarinowski.
March	2. Robert Bennett Otis. 7. Vadislava Lintner. 21. Edward Lawrence Forsyth. 22. Evelyn Louise Rustemeyer.
April	10. Harold Charles Weeks. 22. Paul Ellis Clark. 28. Charles Luther Warner.
May	14. John Bednarz. 21. Helena Angustosky.
June	2. Gertrude LaValley. 17. Eleanor Bostwick Wheeler. 19. Richard Merrill Ames.
July	5. Henry Alfred Perras. 8. John Nordzik. 13. Zigmond Batura.

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| July | 18. | Dorothy Mari Miller. |
| | 18. | Hedwij Stephka Wissmann. |
| | 19. | Alice Elizabeth Pratt. |
| | 24. | Ella Katherine Vining. |
| August | 7. | George Perkins Hoxie. |
| | 8. | Marion Ethel Blaksley. |
| | 14. | Alice Virginia Nash. |
| | 31. | Edward Joseph Murphy. |
| September | 7. | Arabella Knox. |
| | 8. | George Laurent Dansereau. |
| | 11. | Annie Magdalenski. |
| | 21. | Czeslaw Ratenski. |
| | 26. | Margaret Rose Duplissis. |
| November | 7. | Mary Rita Coogan. |
| | 20. | Arnold Robert Widmer. |
| | 26. | Nicholas James Carazavalos. |
| | 26. | Rita Elizabeth Riley. |
| | 24. | James Leon Stone. |
| December | 22. | Dorothy Eleanor Childs. |
| | 22. | Ruth Damon Sylvester. |
| | 24. | Bronislava Janina Antosh. |
| | 30. | Rowena Irene Rhoades. |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1918.

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| January | 6. | Frank L. Taylor, Williamsburg. |
| | | Mary Day Mellen, Williamsburg. |
| | 28. | Joseph Wesoloski, Haydenville. |
| | | Jadwiga Lajkowski, Haydenville. |
| February | 2. | James A. O'Neil, Williamsburg. |
| | | Mary C. Flynn, Ludlow. |
| April | 9. | Richard Keefe, Northampton. |
| | | Mary A. O'Brien, Haydenville. |

May	27.	Harry T. Drake, Williamsburg. Rose M. Vanasse, Springfield.
June	2.	August J. Spitzer, Williamsburg. Elizabeth Mary Neitsche, Williamsburg.
	19.	Ambrose Paquin, St. Albans, Vt. Florence Gilbert, Haydenville.
July	14.	Costas C. Metsopaulos, Haydenville. Helen G. Karamaropoula, Haydenville.
September	25.	Elmer Charles Williams, Chesterfield. Marion Frances Barker, Goshen.
October	14.	Michael Saviski, Hartford, Conn. Catherine Orzga, Haydenville.
	28.	Phileas LaMagdelaine, Haydenville. Roselba St. Laurent, Haydenville.
June	9.	Exavier Mignault, Haydenville. Anna Braman Hanks, Haydenville.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1918.

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 12.	Frederick Perkins Crosby,	59	2	10
13.	Lucy Long Leonard,	78	10	2
14.	James Spear,	82	9	17
16.	Sarah L. Barnard,	72	6	7
27.	Annie Strippe,	65	1	12
Feb. 6.	Arthur E. LeDuc,	44		
Mar. 22.	Helen Marie Drake,	42	9	16
30.	Edward Lawrence Forsyth,			9
Apr. 3.	Eliza Jane Warner,	58		22
13.	Joseph Mayotte,	85	3	8
17.	Albert Allaire,	72	11	22
22.	George H. Ames,	77	6	27
26.	Arthur Payson Miller,	66	7	8

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
May 12.	William Caleb Graves,	65	2	15
21.	Helen Angustoski,			1
16.	George Marks,	93	1	29
29.	Dolly Ellen Graves,	71	1	5
July 17.	Bessie M. Lawton,	12	1	27
Aug. 6.	John O'Neil,	74	11	18
24.	Hanson Fletcher Forrest,	85	5	18
Oct. 22.	Byron W. Loomis,	82	9	18
27.	Samuel W. Atwood,	79		
Nov. 2.	Adelbert Robarge,	34	11	4
Nov. 14.	Florinta G. Polewacik,	23	1	23
23.	William Welch,	24	6	8
25.	James Leon Stone,			1
Dec. 17.	Delina Morin,	54	2	16
23.	John J. Larkin,	43	5	12

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1919



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.
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Report of School Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$8,272 25	
Fuel,	1,285 25	
Transportation,	986 05	
Music and Teacher,	428 34	
Smith School Tuition,	302 78	
Sundries,	218 12	
Janitor's supplies,	162 97	
Repairs,	459 16	
School Physician,	113 50	
Superintendent,	870 00	
School Committee,	225 00	
Cleaning,	43 00	
Electric Light,	22 63	
Janitors,	848 92	
Truant Officer,	5 00	
Books and Supplies,	556 57	
	<hr/>	\$14,799 54

AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$10,600 00
Town of Chesterfield,	125 00
Town of Worthington,	75 00

Town of Goshen,	\$17 50	
Town of Hawley,	25 00	
Income State School Fund, due		
Tuition from City of Boston, due		
Income Collins School Fund,	886 39	
High School Grant from State,	500 00	
Superintendent's and Teachers' Fund,	625 00	
Tuition of State Wards,	156 75	
Rent of Grange Hall,	35 00	
Rent of Land,	5 00	
Refund Dog Tax,	136 57	
Rec'd from Graves Bros.,	15 30	
	<hr/>	\$13,202 51
Overdrawn,		1,597 03
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		\$14,799 54

TRANSPORTATION.

Northampton Street Railway,	\$265 00	
S. A. Clark,	192 00	
Henry Goodwin,	243 20	
M. H. Smart,	271 85	
Francis Crane,	7 00	
William Graves,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$986 05
Tuition Smith School,		\$302 78
Truant Officer, J. J. Trainor,		\$5 00

MUSIC AND TEACHER.

Grace M. Larkin,	\$421 00	
Albert Schawber,	2 50	
Oliver Ditson,	4 84	
	<hr/>	\$428 34

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Dr. C. H. Wheeler,	\$61 50	
Dr. J. G. Hayes,	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$113 50

SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue,	\$870 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARY.

Geo. H. Warner,	\$75 00	
H. P. Goddard,	75 00	
Geo. N. Page,	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$225 00

CLEANING.

Henry Dansereau,	\$41 50	
A. Bailey,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$43 00

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Mill River Light Co.,	\$22 63
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REPAIRS.

Warner & Dolan,	\$4 24
William Chadwick,	4 60
Henry Dansereau,	26 00
B. L. Dobbs,	18 18
L. F. Woodruff,	90 00
H. A. Smith,	2 00
J. J. Ball,	6 97
F. W. Warner,	40 85
Bradford Lumber Co.,	54 48
F. Downer,	46 50

A. G. Cone,	\$66 73	
Geo. H. Warner,	44 20	
A. Bailey,	15 30	
Frank Hosford,	5 00	
T. I. Breckenridge,	15 00	
Thayer Mfg. Co.,	12 02	
W. H. Riley & Co.,	7 09	
	<hr/>	\$459 16

JANITOR'S SUPPLIES.

W. J. Sheehan & Co.,	\$54 29	
B. L. Dobbs,	27 50	
Geo. H. Warner,	8 00	
R. F. Burke,	17 81	
D. E. F. Radesch,	51 76	
Foster & Farrar,	3 00	
T. P. Larkin,	61	
	<hr/>	\$162 97

SUNDRIES.

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	\$16 80	
Haydenville Co.,	3 13	
E. W. Goodhue,	21 43	
G. M. Page,	1 00	
W. H. Riley & Co.,	7 93	
Geo. H. Warner,	2 00	
Mrs. Arthur Hinds,	60 00	
E. P. Larkin,	1 83	
A. Bailey,	4 50	
Albert Lovering,	4 00	
W. G. Loomis,	4 00	
Morris Warner,	7 00	
Richard Smith,	8 00	
Town of Williamsburg,, water,	76 00	
B. S. Dobbs,	50	
	<hr/>	\$218 12

TEACHERS.

E. P. Larkin,	\$650 00
Anna Dunphy,	736 00
Lizzie Purrington,	445 00
Teachers' Retirement,	35 00
Myra Goodhue,	385 00
Teachers' Retirement,	35 00
Ethel Currey,	460 00
Catherine B. Hayes,	221 00
Teachers' Retirement,	19 00
Ruby Oliver,	180 00
Teachers' Retirement,	20 00
Rena B. Taylor,	460 00
Lillian Ogden,	385 00
Teachers' Retirement,	35 00
Jennie Kiely,	204 00
Teachers' Retirement,	16 00
Ruby M. Burt,	303 00
Teachers' Retirement,	19 00
Hazel M. Damon,	385 00
Teachers' Retirement,	35 00
Anna McDonnell,	224 00
Teachers' Retirement,	16 00
C. Ruth Warner,	370 25
Teachers' Retirement,	34 00
Mrs. S. P. Cole,	146 00
Teachers' Retirement	8 00
Grace M. Bursely,	238 00
Teachers' Retirement,	16 00
Mrs. G. M. Page,	196 00
Helen G. Ryan,	454 00
Elsie H. Witherell,	260 00
Nellie A. Dolan,	480 00
Minnie E. Chapel,	322 00
Katherine V. Riley,	480 00

 \$8,272 25

FUEL.

J. A. Breckenridge,	\$115 50	
T. I. Breckenridge,	601 50	
Lennihan Bros.,	445 05	
F. E. Sanderson,	15 00	
Byron Loomis,	4 50	
C. W. Warner,	2 00	
A. L. Towne,	41 70	
Geo. H. Warner,	6 00	
Victor Ingello,	20 00	
Silas Snow,	31 00	
A. E. Lawton,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,285 25

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. W. Goodhue,	\$20 47	
Edward E. Babb Co.,	210 35	
Coburn & Graves,	4 13	
Dowling School Supply Co.,	47 86	
E. P. Larkin,	66	
Amigraph Supply Co.,	1 60	
D. S. Auld & Co.,	3 25	
Central City Chemical Co.,	11 27	
Kingsbury Box Co.,	12 50	
American Book Co.,	9 05	
Ginn & Co.,	83 56	
H. E. Bradford,	2 43	
Lyons & Carnahan,	72 54	
Warner & Dolan,	1 55	
Oval & Koster,	12 76	
Consolidated Dry Goods Co.,	2 96	
Esterbrook Pen. Co.,	5 08	
Barrus & Noble,	90	
Boston Paper Board Co.,	27 50	
Milton Bradley,	5 20	

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.,	\$6 78	
Current Events,	9 50	
S. E. Kott Apparatus Co.,	5 67	
	<hr/>	\$556 57

JANITORS.

Henry Dansereau,	\$301 00	
A. Bailey,	131 42	
B. L. Dobbs,	253 00	
A. L. Higgins,	132 00	
Edward P. Dolan,	4 00	
Beatrice Miller,	7 00	
Myra F. Goodhue,	2 00	
Carlton Ryan,	2 00	
Henry Gilbert,	13 50	
Benjamin Miller,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$848 92

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Williamsburg:

GENTLEMEN:—

The following report is, in accordance with custom, respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The school year closing June 30, 1918 was very satisfactory in almost every respect and fully as profitable as those immediately preceding. We had an excellent corps of teachers which insured steady progression along customary lines with the minimum of waste in energy or time. No important changes of the regular course of study were made, but it was slightly modified to meet the increased demand for war aid, the formal study of agriculture being temporarily omitted but, as this has proved both interesting and valuable, it will be resumed at an early date. While the attendance at times was quite seriously affected by the prevalence of sickness, yet a portion of the loss was made good by the extra labor of teachers, and few pupils failed of promotion because of enforced absence from school. At the close of the year the resignations of four teachers were accepted with much regret, and later those of two more.

The great scarcity of teachers made it difficult to fill vacancies and, at times the task seemed almost hopeless but, partly by constant searching and partly by sheer good fortune, excellent ones were secured and the ill effects of change are not noticeable. The Fall term of 1918 was so broken up by the epidemic of influenza that it is scarcely possible to determine exactly what has been done and what has been lost, it is evident that little more than

half the regular work has been accomplished because of the enforced closing and one school, Searsville, had kept less than nine weeks on Jan. 1st. The loss occasioned by this unfortunate interruption can hardly be realized by any except the teachers. Not only do such irregular breaks cause the pupils to lose interest in school duties, but also serve to lessen the desire to attend regularly while the scattering return of so many totally upsets the grade formation and more than doubles the work by attempts to again bring together the classes.

It is hoped that a considerable amount of the loss may be made good by temporary division of classes and by extra work on the part of the teachers who are showing a very commendable spirit and giving much additional aid to those behind in their studies, it is, however, very unlikely that all pupils will be able to complete the course and secure promotion.

The following changes of the teaching force were made during the summer:—Miss Taylor transferred to the Williamsburg Grammar School; Miss Warner to Williamsburg First Primary; Miss Goodhue to Haydenville Third Primary and Miss Dunphy to the principalship of the High School. New teachers were engaged for Searsville, Mountain Street and Haydenville High Grammar also two assistants for the High School.

The resignation of Prin. Edward Larkin came as a great surprise to all and was finally accepted with the greatest reluctance. Mr. Larkin has taught in the schools of the town continuously since 1909, serving as principal of the Haydenville School for two years and accepting the position of principal of the High School in 1911. His work in the schools has been of the highest character and his influence for good upon the young people of the town cannot be over-estimated. Under his management, the High School won a reputation for thorough work which attracted many pupils from neighboring towns and the

attendance was doubled, it was also approved by the State Board of Education for certificate admission of pupils to the state normal schools and was granted the privilege of certificate entrance to the New England colleges. His relations with the pupils were always pleasant and he secured and retained their confidence, respect and esteem. His great interest in and thorough knowledge of athletic sports made him an efficient director of them, and the various High School athletic organizations won an enviable reputation among neighboring secondary schools for skill, fairness and gentlemanly conduct. Miss Chapel, who was principal of the Haydenville Grammar School is also deserving of special credit as by her skill as a disciplinarian, ably seconded by Miss Ryan of equal ability, the school gained the reputation of being one of the most orderly and best disciplined in town. The number attending the High School is considerably smaller than last year probably because so many are now engaged in productive labor under war conditions who otherwise would be in school. It is noticeable that there are very few pupils over sixteen years of age.

Six were graduated in June from the College Preparatory Course and seven from the Two Years' Course. The graduating exercises, held on different days, were both good and greatly appreciated by the large number of citizens present, the musical program in charge of Miss Grace Larkin was one of the best and worthy of special commendation. The meeting of the Alumni was well attended and an occasion of much pleasure to all and plans for aiding the High School were discussed and accepted. This organization is proving valuable not only because it serves to maintain a spirit of loyalty to the school, to perpetuate friendship and acquaintance there formed but because of the helpful contributions made in various ways. Mr. Bailey, who had served faithfully and efficiently as janitor of the Helen E. James School Building

for several years, and who had by his friendly, helpful and pleasant spirit secured a warm place in the heart of each pupil, was elected to honorary membership at this meeting.

There are now but three out schools in town, all have been in charge of capable teachers and made equal progress with the center schools. The number of children now attending the Mountain Street School is so small as hardly to warrant its continuance.

The instruction in music in charge of Supervisor Miss Larkin has been continued with the usual gratifying progress and each year the value of this work becomes more apparent in the homes, the churches and public entertainments. Your attention is invited to the report of the music supervisor following this. The war spirit has thoroughly permeated the schools and the patriotism, self-sacrifice, helpfulness and devotion of both teachers and pupils have been marked. The service flag of the High School is known to be entitled to carry forty-five stars and, without doubt, there are former members in the service who entered from other towns and cities whose names have not been reported. Many of these boys have been on the fighting line in France, some of whom will carry for life the honorable scars of wounds given by the merciless Huns. Nearly all schools were organized as Junior Red Cross units under the direction and supervision of Miss Anna Dunphy and have contributed a large number of articles as well as a considerable sum of money to the Red Cross work besides helping in many other directions. The following partial report of their activities may be interesting:—The pupils in thirteen schools have invested in War Savings Stamps, \$943.33, hold Thrift Stamps amounting to \$113.35, Liberty Bonds to the value of \$2,050. The pupils in seven schools have made and contributed to the Red Cross Society 73 sweaters; 16 pairs of hose; 5 helmets; 15 pairs of wristers; 52 scarfs;

24 wash cloths; 123 quilt squares; 32 caps; 11 pairs of shoes; 8 pajamas; 4 petticoats; 5 chemises; 71 bandages; 10 pin wheels; 18 afghan squares; 1 afghan; 13 pillow slips; 28 pairs of bed socks; 6 handy bags; 14 soldiers' kits; 2 shirts; 8 slings; 7 unclassified garments, several hundred surgical dressings, and nine schools have contributed \$73.53 in cash. Two hundred twenty-nine pupils enlisted in the United States Garden Army, thus pledging themselves either to cultivate war gardens of their own or to assist others in doing so. While a considerable number of these failed to keep their pledges, for numerous reasons, yet a large majority did and added materially to the food supply. Plans were made for the usual annual exhibition of the articles raised and made by the members of the Industrial Club which would probably have surpassed in size and variety of articles any former exhibition but, unfortunately all of these had to be given up in complying with the request of the State Board of Health.

The difficulty of securing teachers has never been as great as during the past year. Hundreds have left teaching to engage in government and other war work which paid much larger wages with less personal responsibility and worry. Nearly the whole summer vacation was devoted by the superintendent to a search for teachers and even then some schools were unprovided with them at the date set for opening. It is very evident that with the great increase in wages and the doubled cost of nearly all supplies the expense of supporting our schools must be still further increased if we desire to continue their present efficiency. The minimum salary law passed by the last legislature serves to increase considerably the wages paid teachers and, while its intention is undoubtedly to secure fair salaries for all teachers, yet in a town like this, it results in some injustice since the town can pay little more than the minimum salary, while those teachers who have had long experience and worked faithfully in

the schools for a long time receive no recognition of their worth in salaries larger than paid to the new and inexperienced ones. The Superintendent and teachers have continually endeavored to conserve school supplies, in most instances being willingly aided by the pupils, but there is still far too much of a spirit of wastefulness among some of the children. It will be noticed that the percentage of attendance has decreased somewhat, the chief cause of this, other than illness, is probably that the school authorities on recommendation of the State Board have permitted some of the older boys to work on farms while schools were in session. The immediate effect of war conditions upon educational interests is to emphasize the value of intelligently directed activities, of economy, thrift and helpfulness and of a well-balanced education inclining neither to purely academic or purely industrial.

We are inclined to consider our school curricula as pretty nearly perfect and quite satisfactory, hesitating to make changes, the lessons of the war have taught us that there is need of much modification of them to meet the changed and changing conditions of society and the necessity of alertness in adopting methods which will more perfectly fit the pupil for the many requirements of good citizenship. We are threatened with economic and political conditions disastrous to civilization but the destruction of Bolshevism and its kindred will not be accomplished with guns but with education. Our schools may be depended upon to protect the institutions of civilization and save democracy if they are properly adjusted to the times and adequately supported.

Thanking the members of the school committee and the teachers for their hearty and helpful coöperation and all other citizens for the interest and courtesy shown, this report is respectfully submitted.

E. W. GOODHUE,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1918

SCHOOLS	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance
Williamsburg High.....	28	29	47.37	44.12	93.14	8,333.5
Grammar.....	7	16	19.06	18.08	94.86	3,058.0
Intermediate.....	14	13	22.33	20.97	93.91	3,566.0
Second Primary.....	19	15	25.15	22.90	91.05	3,899.0
First Primary.....	15	16	19.98	17.78	88.99	3,024.5
Searsville.....	14	14	23.33	21.02	90.10	3,551.0
North Street.....	5	7	8.63	8.13	94.21	1,372.5
Mountain Street.....	10	1	9.33	7.07	75.77	1,244.5
Skinnerville.....	7	9	14.84	13.71	92.39	2,289.0
Haydenville High Grammar.....	10	10	17.42	15.57	89.38	2,627.0
Grammar.....	18	13	28.02	25.46	90.86	4,299.5
Intermediate.....	23	19	35.85	29.96	83.58	5,056.5
Third Primary.....	11	11	20.16	17.82	88.39	3,011.0
Second Primary.....	12	16	23.54	20.24	85.98	3,437.0
First Primary.....	23	23	40.40	35.30	87.38	6,070.0
Totals	216	212	355.41	318.13	89.51	54,838.0

CENSUS APRIL 1, 1918.

Number of persons five to sixteen years of age,	370
Males 196. Females 174.	
Number of persons five to seven years of age,	61
Males 33. Females 28.	
Number of persons seven to fourteen years of age,	241
Males 125. Females 116.	
Number of persons fourteen to sixteen years of age,	68
Males 38. Females 30.	
Number of different resident pupils attending school,	414
Number over sixteen years of age attending school,	8
Number of teachers employed,	17
Number graduated from colleges,	3
Number graduated from normal schools,	7
Number that received normal school training,	4
Number graduated from high school only,	3

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

Superintendent E. W. Goodhue,

DEAR SIR:—The following report contains items relative to the High School which may be of general interest.

Forty-eight pupils entered in September, twenty-two boys and twenty-six girls. Three of the latter have since left school leaving a total of forty-five now attending. The decrease in the number from last year is due, to a considerable extent, to the fact that many boys engaged in farm and other work because of war conditions who, otherwise, would have attended school, several girls also have taken positions in shops, offices and other places for like reason. No marked changes have been made in the curriculum save that the study of French has replaced that of German in the Freshman class and will hereafter be the regular modern language taken.

Miss Bursley has charge of the work in mathematics and science, Miss McDonnell of that in English and literature while the principal has the languages. The first half-hour of each afternoon session is generally given to instruction in music and penmanship.

Five weeks were lost because of closing the schools at the time of the epidemic of influenza one week of which has been made up.

Many pupils have been absent or irregular in attendance owing to illness or fear of contagion but extra assistance has been given most of these so that, at the beginning of January, all work was evened up, but the entire work is not as far advanced as it should be at this time. It is hoped that it may be possible to gain still more lost ground before the close of the year. Very little has been done in the way of athletic sports, owing to the difficulty in organizing with so few from which to select, the break in sessions, and the great need of improving all time possible in making up work. Both boys and girls are now having some practice in basket-ball playing, the girls under the direction of the principal and the boys under that of Mr. Higgins. While the enforced break in the regular schedule has been detrimental in many ways, yet the spirit of the school remains excellent and there is a very evident desire to make up all work lost which will undoubtedly insure a successful and valuable year!

ANNA T. DUNPHY, Principal.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit for your approval my report on the Music in our schools for the past year.

A great deal of extra work has been required of the

pupils in this subject as well as in all other subjects owing to the loss of time made necessary by the closing of schools during the recent epidemic.

Instead of insisting on the pupils covering all the ground required for their respective grades it has been deemed advisable to work more slowly and more thoroughly, thereby accomplishing a more satisfactory culmination to our year's work.

More time has been given to the absolute knowledge and placing of each tone, mastering each and becoming so thoroughly familiar with their sound as to make it much easier to apply the words. The pupils at present are better able to "think tone" that is to hear a song by looking at it.

Since this is the ultimate aim of all music, less time is given to the complete mastery of a song by note before taking up the words as heretofore. In the simpler melodies, the pupils can sing tunes with words very nearly as readily as the notes themselves.

Alacrity in reading syllables is very well under way. Now, our main object is to apply the tune to the words more quickly. Since the average child usually asks to sing the words first it seems much more to their liking to try "words" as soon as possible even though it does mean a double task to think words and music together. Reading music and words at sight isn't usually taught until pupils have reached the higher grades. However, since starting word singing in the lower grades, I have found that the interest has greatly increased.

Music as we know is the art of arranging tones into forms of beauty or expressions in accordance with certain laws of combination or composition. The effort or joy employed or experienced in obtaining pleasurable results from this study leads directly to an intellectual satisfaction in the processes of invention and performance and to an emotional delight in the result.

The use of Music as a branch of juvenile education is to be most strongly urged, not only because it involves a healthy exercise and growth of the lungs and throat, but because it stimulates both the intellectual and emotional development, in some important respects furnishing a discipline that cannot easily be equalled by another study.

Love for good music is instilled into the child by the careful selection of songs containing uplifting thoughts. Many beautiful nature songs are used in the lower grades also a number of motion songs which are really educational when properly interpreted.

When a child reaches the fourth grade he knows the terms of tempo and expression, is well versed in the knowledge of intervals and can very readily sing words and music together. Having arrived in this grade the pupils begin to sing two-part songs and recognize the beauty in the combination of tones, thus gaining for music in their hearts a lasting place. Here I might say the fourth, fifth and sixth grades with Miss Riley, Miss Dolan and Miss Ryan in charge are doing splendid work. Miss Damon's third and fourth grades are doing excellent work.

Mrs. Page has a band of good little singers whom it is a pleasure to hear sing. For absolute daring in attacking real difficult three-part songs and accomplishing splendid results, Miss Taylor's school deserves considerable praise. The more difficult the composition, the more determined are these young singers to master it. While some pupils may hesitate and sing rather timidly on a new song these pupils never stop to think whether they've seen it before or not.

Miss Goodhue's third grade reads very readily, exercises containing any combination of the first three-time motions finding "Do" from all fifteen difficult keys and rendering their song material in a very pleasing manner.

Miss Purrington always succeeds in having her pupils

attain the high standard left by pupils going into the second grade where they find in Miss Curry a teacher who is thoroughly interested in her work and accomplishes splendid results both in theory and song material.

Miss Warner's first and second grades in Williamsburg are also doing excellent work. Although the Searsville school has suffered a longer loss of time on account of sickness. Miss Kiley and her pupils deserve much credit for the very good results in this study.

Miss Ogden's school, although small, certainly makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity. The pupils here are thoroughly interested in music which is ably manifested in the rendering of their song and exercise work.

Mountain Street School is also working hard and accomplishing pleasing results.

A great deal of praise is due Miss Bursely and the pupils in the High School who are so enthusiastically accomplishing such splendid results. We have excellent material in this class this year and more enthusiasm than in a great many years. We hope to have two good Glee Clubs and a chorus which will surpass many we've had before. Special mention is due the boys who are doing such praiseworthy work. It is a real pleasure to work with teachers and pupils when you know keen interest and a desire to do well is the key-note of their ambition. When this interest and enthusiasm is carried on throughout the week, excellent results are bound to follow. Thus is proven the real need of the regular teacher conscientiously carrying out the work left by the supervisor.

In closing I wish to urge the parents and all who are interested in the welfare of the school children to visit us more frequently and while in school ask to hear some of the work in Music.

I wish to thank Miss Dunphy, principal of the High School, all the teachers, members of the School Board and you, Mr. Goodhue, who have always been so ready to

comply in every way to any request which I have been called upon to make to you and for your hearty coöperation and great interest manifested in this special subject.

Pupils also, while it may have seemd rather strenuous work to keep up our high standard in Music you deserve a great deal of praise and you have my hearty gratitude for your ready response and willingness at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. LARKIN.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I present herewith my tenth annual report as medical inspector of schools.

Total number of children examined,	186
Number of cases needing dental attention,	108
Number of pupils noted as having good teeth,	35
Number of pupils not vaccinated,	21
Number of cases of adenoids and tonsils,	18
Number of cases of pediculosis capitis,	6
Number of cases of scalp disease,	3
Number of cases of diverted septum,	1

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER, M. D.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Below please find a report of my work as School Physician:—

Whole number of pupils examined,	190
Number of cases of bad teeth,	22
Number of cases of adenoids and diseased tonsils,	11
Number of pupils not vaccinated,	13

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

REPORT OF TEST OF HEARING AND SIGHT.

Number of pupils examined,	334
Number found defective in sight,	20
Number found defective in hearing,	7
Number of notices sent parents and guardians,	21

The above report does not include examinations of first grade pupils.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Helen E. James School Building, June 26, 1918

CLASS MOTTO, Four Years' Course, "Omnia pro Patria."

PROGRAM.

Song,	High School Chorus
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont
Salutatory,	Meverette Smith
Song,	High School Chorus
Class History,	Maud Warner
Class Prophecy,	Edward P. Dolan
Prophecy on Prophet,	Ruth Bramble
Song,	High School Chorus
Valedictory,	Maxine Rhoades
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Robert E. Life

CLASS OFFICERS.

President, Edward P. Dolan.
 Vice-President, Meverette R. Smith.
 Secretary-Treasurer, Maud E. Warner.

MEMBERS OF CLASS.

*Maxine Asenath Rhoades, Maud Elizabeth Warner,
 *Meverette Rose Smith, Ruth Doris Bramble,
 *Edward Paul Dolan, Mary Elizabeth Smiley.
 Class Colors, Green and White.
 Class Flower, Red Rose.
 *Members of Pro Merito Society.

TWO YEARS' COURSE.

Thursday, June 27, 1918.

CLASS MOTTO, "We Will Conquer."

PROGRAM.

Song,	High School Chorus
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont
Salutatory,	Carroll Jenkins
Class History,	Anna Smart
Song,	High School Chorus
Class Prophecy,	Roland Goodwin
Prophecy on Prophet,	James Brazil
Song,	High School Chorus
Valedictory,	William Ryan
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Rev. Robert E. Life

CLASS OFFICERS.

President, William A. Ryan.

Vice-President, Carroll Jenkins.

Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Mathers.

MEMBERS OF CLASS.

William Anthony Ryan,	Anna Frances Smart,
Carroll Fordyce Jenkins,	James Stephen Brazil,
Roland Gibson Goodwin,	Elizabeth Mathers,
Alfred Pomeroy.	

Class Colors, Green and Gold.

Class Flower, Yellow Rose.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1919.

September 2—First term begins.

October 13—For Columbus Day, Holiday.

November 27, 28—Thanksgiving Recess.

December 19—First term ends.

1920.

January 5—Second term begins.

February 23—For Washington's Birthday, Holiday.

March 26—Second term ends.

April 5—Third term begins.

April 19—Patriots' Day.

June 25—Third term ends.

Days to be observed with appropriate exercises.

Nov. 11—For Peace Day.

February 12—Lincoln's Birthday.

April 13—Band of Mercy Day.

April 30—Arbor and Bird Day.

May 28—Patriotic Exercises.

June 4—Flag Day.

This calendar is subject to change by the School Committee.

Teachers are expected to follow the calendar strictly unless otherwise instructed by the School Committee or Superintendent.

Teachers closing school for an entire session on other than regular holidays, for any reason, will notify the Superintendent of Schools in advance if possible. Do not fail to do so.

